

BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department

ANNUAL REPORTS

FOR THE YEAR

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Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1951, on the health of the Rural District.

(1) HOSPITAL AND SANATORIUM PROVISIONS, &c.

The care of the chronic sick is now provided for at St. Hilda's Hospital, Whitby, and at the General Wards of the Avenue Hospital, Bridlington, the Bampton Lane Hospital, Bridlington, and St. Mary's Hospital, Scarborough.

There has been no change in laboratory facilities, nor in your Public Health staff.

The Public Health Laboratory in Hull, under the direction of Dr. Greening, undertakes bacteriological investigations in matters of public health (such as water and milk sampling), and also in diseases (such as the enteric group) which are closely linked with public sanitation.

Laboratory work on diseases of non-public health interest is done by the Pathologist at Westwood Hospital, Beverley, and by the Pathologist at Scarborough Hospital.

(2) GENERAL STATISTICS

The following is a table of general statistics for the year under review:

Area of District	66,903 acres
Population of Area (Estimated, from the Registrar-General's figures)	9,185
Number of separate Families	2,670
Separate Houses and other Dwellings as at 31st December 1951..	3,521
Rateable Value	£36,384
Product of Penny Rate at 31st March 1951	£147/3/6

(3) VITAL STATISTICS

The vital statistics for the year 1951 were as follows:

Children aged 0 - 4	738				
Children aged 5 - 14	1,532	Total Population	9,185		
Live Births ..	Legitimate) Males 52 .. Females 64	Total ..	116		
	Illegitimate) Males 5 .. Females 3 ..	Total ..	8		
	<u>57</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>124</u>		

Using comparability factors of 1.13 for Births and 0.89 for Deaths -

The Birth-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population is	15.25
Rate per thousand (Total live and still births)	15.26
Deaths	Males 71 .. Females 51 .. Total .. 112
Death-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population ..	11.81
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	Nil
Deaths of Infants under one year:	
	Legitimate) Males 1 .. Females 0 .. Total .. 1
	Illegitimate) Males 0 .. Females 0 .. Total .. Nil
	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> <u>1</u>

Infantile death-rate per thousand live births (Legitimate) ..	8.06
Infantile death-rate for England and Wales, per thousand live births (Legitimate)	29.60
Deaths from Measles (All ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years of age)	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 births ...	8.06

(4) INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The case rate of certain infectious diseases per thousand population was as shown in the following table, case rates for Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia are given per thousand total births:

Disease	England and Wales	Bridlington Rural District
Acute Polio-Myelitis	0.05	0.11
Diphtheria	0.02	-
Enteric Fever Group	0.02	-
Erysipelas	0.14	0.11
Food Poisoning	0.13	-
Measles	14.07	4.43
Pneumonia	0.99	1.64
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia	10.66	-
Scarlet Fever	1.11	0.11
Smallpox	-	-
Whooping Cough	0.01	0.54

The following table shows the diseases notified during the year:

Disease	Total Notified	Admitted to Sanatorium	Deaths
Acute Polio-Myelitis	1	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	41	-	-
Measles and Pemphigus	1	1	1
Pneumonia	17	1	1
Rheumatic Fever	1	1	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	-

(5) TUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary	Males	26	..	Females	13	Total ...	39
Non-Pulmonary	Males	7	..	Females	10	Total ...	17

New cases notified:

Pulmonary	Males	2	..	Females	1	Total ...	3
Non-Pulmonary	Males	0	..	Females	1	Total ...	1

(6) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

(a) Number of persons vaccinated or revaccinated during 1951:

Age at Date of Vaccination	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number vaccinated	28	2	3	2	5	40
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	1	11	12

(b) Number of children at 31st December 1951 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st Jan. 1937)

Age at 31.12.51 i.e. Born in Year	Under 1 1951	1 1950	2 1949	3 1948	4 1947	5 to 9 1942-1946	10 to 14 1937-1941	Total under 15
Number immunised	1	48	44	76	131	531	121	952

(c) Number of children immunised during the year ended 31st December 1951. (Figures also included in (b) above.)

Under 5	5 to 14	Total	Boosters
78	1	79	20

(7) BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS

These are now the entire responsibility of the East Riding County Council, insofar as infectious diseases are concerned.

(8) WATER SUPPLY

The Bridlington Corporation supply the water for the Rural District but your Council are still responsible for ensuring that the water supply is of the requisite purity. There have been no complaints of any shortage of water in the area.

Number of houses and population supplied with water:

Parish	To Houses		From Standtaps	
	No. of Houses	Popul- ation	No. of Houses	Popul- ation
Barmston	46	157	37	121
Bempton	132	393	61	193
Boynston	35	145	9	39
Burton Agnes	119	432	47	149
Burton Fleming	89	291	33	121
Carnaby	83	325	31	135
Flamborough	503	484	50	201
Folkton	108	419	12	45
Grindale	26	97	27	103
Hunmanby	492	1,745	53	209
Muston	77	277	40	142
Reighton	83	284	40	143
Rudston	104	339	50	178
Skipsea	73	263	57	173
Thwing	53	162	15	63
Ulrome	55	188	33	109
Wold Newton	75	275	6	23

(9) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The following villages have a sewage disposal system:

Hunmanby, Bempton and Buckton, Reighton, Flamborough.

The villages of Rudston and Burton Fleming have a sewage disposal system in embryo.

Flamborough and Hunmanby have in addition a weekly collection of night-soil. It seems a waste of money to provide a sewage disposal system for villages and also to provide a night-soil collection from householders who have not seen fit to convert their earth closets to the water carriage system. Some form of dis-incentive should be applied to those who retain their earth closets. The W.C. should have precedence over the T.V. in the domestic budget.

(10) COLLECTION OF HOUSE REFUSE

There is a five-weekly collection of refuse in fifteen villages. Hunmanby and Flamborough have a fortnightly collection. The large camps in the Flamborough area have a bi-weekly collection for which service a special charge is made. It would be desirable to provide all the villages with a collection service equal to that which Flamborough and Hunmanby enjoy; nothing but the certainty of a substantial increase in the already heavy Rates prevents this being done.

(11) FOOD

Cleanliness in the handling of food is a matter of serious concern all over the country. Printed notices forbidding customers from taking their dogs into food shops have been supplied to shopkeepers, for display in their shops, and this step has been generally welcomed. Periodic laboratory tests for purity are made on all brands of ice-cream which are retailed in the District.

A good standard of cleanliness is maintained by food handlers, but even higher standards must be the aim.

The Council authorised my attendance at a conference in London on cleanliness in the handling of food. The lectures and films were most instructive, though at times rather horrifying.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P.D.H. CHAPMAN,

Medical Officer of Health

September, 1952.

Annual Report of the Public Health Department
for the Year 1951.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Bridlington Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Ninth Annual Report on the sanitary and other work carried out by your Sanitary Inspector during the year ended 31st December 1951.

The total number of inspections carried out during the year for all purposes was 1,915.

(1) HOUSING ACTS

During the year 64 inspections were made in connection with the Housing Survey and housing repairs generally, and notices were served in 24 cases, such notices being informal notices. In 22 cases repairs were carried out before the end of the year.

Difficulty was still experienced in getting repairs carried out to houses, owing to the shortage of labour and materials and the high cost of same, but in spite of these difficulties it is pleasing to note that owners are carrying out necessary maintenance repairs without notices being served by the Council.

(2) PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

During the year 96 complaints and nuisances were dealt with, necessitating the making of 115 visits of inspection. Notices were served where found necessary.

The following is a summary of nuisances:

Dirty dwellings	5
Defective pail closets or privy middens	31
Offensive accumulations	15

(3) MILK AND DAIRIES ORDER

There are 253 cowkeepers, producers, wholesale traders and retail traders on the Register, trading as follows:

As producers and wholesale traders	196
As producers and retail traders	9
As producers, retail and wholesale traders	48

During the year 109 inspections and visits were made and as a result the following infringements were dealt with:

Cleansing of cowsheds and dairies	9
Structural alterations	3
Cleansing of utensils	5

(4) MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

As in previous years, the slaughtering of animals for human consumption was carried out at the Central Slaughterhouse, situate in the Borough of Bridlington, and the inspection of the carcasses was undertaken by the Inspectorate to the Bridlington Corporation.

This arrangement however has not done away with the supervision of meat and food shops, and 91 inspections were carried out in this connection. As a result it was necessary to condemn 7 tins of milk, 11 tins of beans and 15 lbs of butter, as unfit for human consumption.

(5) SHOPS ACTS

Most of the shops in the area are run by owner-occupiers, and have sufficient and satisfactory sanitary accommodation.

The larger shops are visited periodically and 68 visits and inspections were made during the year to ascertain the adequacy and condition of the sanitary accommodation.

(6) FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are 49 factories and workshops on the Register, and 82 inspections were made during the year. Infringements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with in conjunction with the Ministry's Factories Inspector.

(7) SCAVENGING

The Parishes of Flamborough and Hunmanby continue to have a weekly collection of nightsoil and fortnightly collections of house refuse. In the remaining 15 Parishes, the collection of tins &c. has been speeded up and a five-weekly collection is now carried out. This work is carried out by direct labour, using the Council's two lorries. Very little trouble has been encountered, and 155 visits and inspections have been made in connection with this work. The refuse from several of the camps and trade refuse from shops and cafes is collected twice weekly, for which service a charge is made to the respective owners.

The house refuse and tins are disposed of by tipping, and as far as possible with the labour available, control of the tips is being maintained. The nightsoil is disposed of by tipping same on to agricultural land for ploughing in, and we have experienced no difficulty in disposing of the nightsoil.

(8) SUPERVISION OF SEWAGE WORKS AND DRAINAGE

During the year 181 visits and inspections were made and no major difficulties have been encountered.

The work of sewage works maintenance increases each year as new works are erected. Sewage works are now in operation in the parishes of Hunmanby, Flamborough, Bampton, Burton Fleming, Reighton and Rudston, and all these works have regular attention to ensure a satisfactory effluent.

Again a vast amount of work has been carried out with regard to the cleansing and maintenance of sewer dykes throughout the district.

(9) FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938 -- Section 14

There are now 43 premises registered for the sale, storage and/or manufacture of ice-cream or preserved food. Frequent inspections are made of the premises, and it is pleasing to note that any advice given or recommendations made to the owners of the premises is always well received in order to improve the standard of cleanliness.

There are no manufacturers of ice-cream, which is bulk purchased from wholesale traders outside the area of the Bridlington Rural District.

(10) RODENT CONTROL

In addition to ordinary enquiries made during routine visits, 81 visits and inspections were made during the year, and where necessary poisoning was carried out. There has been no incidence of any major infestation.

The refuse tips and sewage works under the control of the Council were treated as required.

(11) SUPERVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF COUNCIL HOUSES

The inspection of Council Houses for repairs and maintenance has taken up a considerable amount of time during the past year, and once again a large amount of work has been carried out. In this connection I would especially like to thank the Rating Officer and Collector (Mr. H.A. Woodhead) and his staff for their co-operation.

The repairs carried out can be summarised as follows:

Roofs	49	Firebars	17
Chimneys	7	Back Boilers	5
Flashings	7	Sink Wastes	27
Pointing of Walls	61	Taps	5
Paving	17	Water Bursts	35
Fencing	12	Washbasins	2
General Woodwork	16	Spouting	11
Window repairs	32	Handrails Refitting and Repairs	15
Gates and Posts	41	Draining Boards	28
Dustbins	19	Plaster	129
Porch Woodwork	2	Cupboard Door Repairs	6
W.C. Cisterns and Ball Taps..	113	Copper Cylinders	3
New Ranges	3	Electric Fitting Repairs and Renewals	14
Saddles to Ranges	3	Storage Tanks	5
Oven Plates	12	Floor Repairs	3
Oven Bottoms	5	Garden Sheds (R.D.C.)	2
Grates	10		
Firebricks	35		

(12) CAMPS, TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are 19 camps in the area which are licensed under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936. These camps stretch from the extreme North to the extreme South of the Rural District along the coastline, and owing to the distance to be travelled it is very difficult to visit the camps as often as is desirable. Nevertheless 172 visits and inspections were made to ascertain the sanitary and other conditions at the camps, and in most cases the owners were found to be very willing to co-operate.

(13) SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

A summary of visits and inspections made during the year 1951 is given below:

Housing Acts	64	Brought forward	494
Public Health and Public Health Housing Acts	115	Factories and Workshops	82
Milk and Dairies Orders	109	Sewage Works and Drainage ..	181
Slaughterhouses	91	Scavenging	155
Bakehouses	16	Food Inspections	147
Shops Acts	68	Rodent Control	81
Water Supplies	31	Council Houses, Repairs &c..	613
Carried forward	494	Camps, Tents &c.	172
		TOTAL	1925

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the Council for the support and consideration given to me during the year under review, and also to the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. P.D.H. Chapman), the Clerk to the Council (Mr. A.S. Makin) and the Staff, for their interest and help in connection with my work.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Councillor Miss Owston, and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. RIDOUT

Sanitary Inspector

September, 1952



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